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Deputy Police Chief Graduates from FBI National Academy

Deputy Durham Police Chief Larry Smith recently graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. Smith, who joined the Durham Police Department in 1988, is Deputy Chief – Operations, which consists of the Investigative Services Bureau, Northside Operations and Southside Operations.

Smith attended the 253rd FBI Academy, which included 216 students from 24 different countries. During the 10-week program, Smith attended college level classes in Leadership, Statement Analysis, Media Relations, Legal Issues for Command Level Officers and Physical Fitness.

“The biggest things about the National Academy were the instructors and learning from my peers around the country and world about the issues they are dealing with. We are all dealing with recruitment issues and the same crime issues at different levels,” Smith said.

Students at the National Academy shared information about their departments and discussed how they handle law enforcement issues and concerns.

“One thing I really noticed after talking to people is how progressive our agency is with our initiatives and programs,” Smith said. “It made me proud of our department because we are doing above and beyond many things other agencies are doing.”

Smith recently attended the Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston. He is a native of Durham and a graduate of Northern High School and Campbell University.

During his law enforcement career, Smith has served in the Patrol Bureau, Crime Area Target Team



(CATT), Special Operations Division and Selective Enforcement Team. He was the commander of District 2 and worked as assistant chief over the Investigative Services Bureau for 1 ½ years before his promotion to deputy chief, which is the Police Department's second highest rank.

Other DPD graduates of the FBI National Academy include Police Chief Jose L. Lopez Sr., Assistant Chief Jon Peter and Capt. Ed Sarvis.

All National Academy graduates continue to benefit from training conferences and networking with other graduates.